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PAKISTAN: The army has completed the movement of about 5,000 troops in company-sized units into forward positions near the India - West Pakistan border.

Their mission is to blunt and contain an Indian attack until the Pakistan Army could counterattack.

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[redacted] two Pakistani infantry divisions have moved from their normal cantonment area in Lahore toward the India - West Pakistan border; they reportedly have been in position since April. In addition, Pakistan has formed two new infantry divisions to replace those sent to East Pakistan and is in the process of raising a third.

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In East Pakistan, Islamabad is organizing three brigades--about 18,000 troops--mostly from the non-Bengali East Pakistanis. These troops are to handle internal control problems in the event of hostilities.

The army's defensive preparations stem from Pakistan's continuing uncertainty about India's intentions.

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